PRELIMINARIES OF THE REPUB-LICAN CONVENTION COMPLETED.

National Committee Has Finished Consideration of the Long, Worrisome List of Contests.

PLATFORM STILL UNDECIDED

BUT NO SERIOUS TROUBLE EXPECT-ED IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT.

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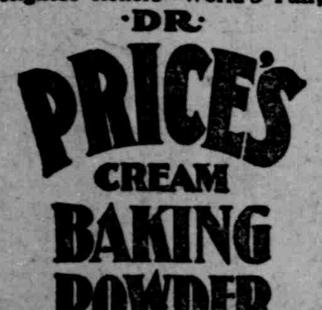
Associated Press Dispatch. ST. LOUIS. June 14.-When the Republic in the way of immediately beginning the work for which the convention has been the meeting will not be of long duration. The convention hall will be in complete readiness. The States are expected to have their recommendations for committee plansin readiness by to-morrow night. The naand it is believed by those who have given attention to the subject that this work will be found to have been done so well that comparatively little will be left for the on credentials. Necessarily there has been no formal consideration of the declaration of principles on which the party will make its appeal to the country but it will be found that this branch of the work has by no means been neglected. There has been a very general exchange of opinions on this important point and much done looking to the harmonizing and crystillization of views, which, it is believed, will render it possible for the platform committee to reach a conclusion with comparatively little delay. Selection has been made of the temporary chairman and other officers of the temporary organiza tion, and a programme practically agreed on for the permanent organization, with Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, for presidofficer of the convention. When we add to these accomplishments the fact that the presidential nominee has practically been named, it must be conceded that the convention has apparently a comparatively easy and brief task before it. Obstacles

tively few of them are discernible. The length of time the convention shall sit will in all probability be determined largely by the plan of proceeding which to reopen all the contests for seats in the vestigation of the various questions which wide range of controversy, including the rative validity of many rival party organizations, State and district, and involving much of heated personal rivalry, race prejudice and factional jealousy, to be either Senator John H. Gear or George cay nothing of questions of proceeding in rival conventions and even of methods employed at the polls. There are stacks of papers that might be examined in almost

MAY NOT GO INTO DETAILS. The preponderance of opinion is that the credentials committee will not deem necessary to go into many of the contests in detail, but that, on the contrary, the verdict of the national committee will practically be accepted as final in a large majority of the contest cases. The committee spent four days and a large part of as many nights in sifting the facts in these cases and hearing arguments by elmeeting of the national committee was called earlier than usual in order that this work might be done with more than the ordinary thoroughness for the facilitation of the progress of the convention's work. The convention also departed from the usual practice in hearing each case as a body, and not in delegating the task to subcommittees. It is believed that this formally assign to the task of inquiring On the other hand, there will be strong laims have been adversely passed on to that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge will be have the controversies reinvestigated. The the committeeman on resolutions.

Awarded Highest Honors-World's Fair,

defeated delegates generally regard the



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credentials committee in the light of a court of appeals, and in many cases they will insist on a hearing. In exceptional instances this request will probaly be granted, and the committee will unanimoulsy take up cases like that of Delaware, where both sides to the contest were denied seats, or like that of Arizona, where the names of both parties were placed on the roll and each delegate awarded only half a vote. In some instances it is understood that no pressure will be brought to bear to secure a reopening of cases, and New York is one of these. In that State both parties to the dispute will abide by the decision of the national committee. It is even suggested that a proposition may be made in the convention to make the temporary roll permanent in all but exceptional cases, which would, of course, if adopted, relieve the committee on credentials of the greater part of its labor and materially expedite the work of the convention. The contest in the committee on resolutions is expected to be sharp, but not protracted.

As it now appears, there will be little no difficulty in agreeing upon any of the planks of the platform except that relating to the financial policy of the party. With the selection of a candidate to head the ticket so completely eliminated from the realm of speculation, the financial question has almost entirely monopolized the attention of party men in hotel corridors, no less than in the retired apartments of the party managers, ever since they began to congregate here, at the beginning of the past week. This question is still claiming the greater share of the consideration, and will continue to hold its place in the front rank of speculation and deliberation until it is finally settled by the convention itself.

THE PROBLEMS. Two problems present themselves. The first of these is how much to do for silver, the second how little to do for gold. Around these questions range the speculation and the interest of all. These lines of policy will be presented to the committee on resolutions on meeting the different shades of opinion of the delegations. These are: First-To declare in explicit terms for the

gold standard. Second-To take a positive stand for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to I, independent of the course of all other

Third-To practically declare for gold and against any further recognition to silver than the present laws give, except on international agreement, but without mentioning in terms the gold standard, and with a few words of encouragement to the friends of silver.

The contest will be principally between the advocates of the first and the second propositions, and, as it now appears, the outcome will be a compromise between these, which means, of course, that the platform will be almost all that the gold will be led by the New York and Massaother Eastern and Mississippi valley delegates. The advocates of an extreme declaration for silver will be confined largely to the delegations from the intermountain States, with some support from the Pacific coast, and, possibly, a few scattering delegates from other sections. Their representation in the committee will be larger than in the convention, but in neither sufficient to obtain more than a respectful hearing. They are expected to announce that no omise whatever will be acceptable to them, and thus practically eliminate themselves from the work of preparing the plattion removed from the deliberations of the committee it is not believed that its deliberations will be greatly prolonged. One important question remaining unsetdential candidate. Next to the financial plank the filling of this place on the ticket as engaged the greatest share of specula-

tled is that of the selection of a vice presttive attention during the week, but apparently opinion has not been so well crystallized on this subject as upon the others. The names of many candidates have been uggested, including those of Mr. Hobart of New Jersey; Governor Morton and Gen-eral Tracy, of New York; Governor Bulkeley and Senator Hawley, of Connecticut; Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania; Representative Dingley, of Maine; Hon. Clay Evans, of Tennessee, and Hon. M. H. DeYoung, of California.

STATE DELEGATIONS.

Most of Them Will Select Members of

Committees This Afternoon.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.-Almost all of the

State delegations have fixed on 4 o'clock

to-morrow afternoon as the hour when

credentials, permanent organization and

rules, as well as upon the national com-

The Alamaba delegation has no open

William Youngblood says that nothing has

been determined. Delegate Alexander (col-

ored), who was educated at Oberlin, O.

has been spoken of as the colored orator

to second the nomination of McKinley.

Youngblood said to-day that he had been

asked concerning Alexander in this con-

nection, but declined to express any opin-

ion beyond the observation that he had no

doubt Alabama's colored delegates would

Only a few delegates from Illinois are

ald by the delegates who are here that

of the delegation, and that the representa-

The delegates from Kentucky have

They are unanimous for the Kentucky cur-

rency platform, declaring absolutely

against the free and unlimited coinage of

delegation. For national committeeman

ublican nominee against Senator Black-

burn last winter before the Legislature. The contest ended in a deadlock and no

teen of the twenty-six delegates were in-

structed to vote for Bradley for the presi-

for McKiniey. Since Bradley's withdrawal

from the race the delegation is a unit for

ential nemination and the others were

"For Gold and Reed" is the motto of the

Massachusetts delegation, and, in order,

that no one may doubt it, the managers

have hung it all over the walls of the head-

quarters at the Southern Hotel. It has

been the motto of the Masaschusetts Re-

publicans for months, but it was formally

adopted at a meeting of the delegation to-

Benton secretary. The matter of selecting

a national committeeman and members of

the several committees was postponed un-til to-morrow. It is understood, however,

Guild, fr., one of the delegates at large

statement of the attitude of the Massa-

chustts delegation regarding the financial

plank of the Republican platform, and gave out the following: "Massachusetts will sim-

ply demand that we tell the truth in our

silver and paper, but our standard of value is and has been gold. This is no time for glittering generalities. Let us be honest with the friends of both gold and silver,

and say exactly what we mean. The free

coinage of silver would prevent bimetal-

policy that would reduce one-half the value

half the wages of our operatives. The Re-

publican party has nothing to gain by at-

tempting to conceal the fact that the present standard is a gold standard. Neutral-

ity makes no converts; it invites deser-

Senator Lodge, who has been slated as

the representative of Massachusetts on the platform committee, will fight, if neces-sary, for a single gold standard. Should

he fall to gain his point in the committee he will take it up on the floor of the con-

he would demand a rolf-call vote and

ment to Mareus A. Hanna to-day.

vention. He is quoted by members of the Massachusetts delegation as saying that

everyone on record. He is said by his fel-

low delegates to have made this announce-

ntal to the informal gathering of

husetts men was a threatened re-

savings in our savings banks and

It means silver me

platform. Our circulating medium is gold.

Massachusetts, was asked to-day for

dale, was elected chairman, and E. C.

day. At this meeting Eben S. Draper.

lection. There will also be a struggle for

chairmanship of the delegation. Six-

opened headquarters at Hurst's

feel themselves equal to any emergency.

gation from securing a headquarters or The Delaware delegation is in the air. The Addicks and the Higgins people will wait for the determination of the contest before they take any steps toward effecting an organization.

a member of the committee.

plank against silver."

Nearly all members of the Pennsylvania

delegation arrived to-day. A meeting of

night. It is expected that Governor Hast-

ings will be chairman of the delegation,

resolutions. Mr. Quay can be national committeeman if he wants it, but it is

understood that he does not care to be

The Mississippi delegation has no fixed

place of abode, the members being scat-

as to the outcome of the contests, which

were decided yesterday, and the inability

of the colored delegates to secure suitable

quarters together, has deterred this dele-

there is a probability that Mr. Quay

be a member of the committee on

The Utah delegation met to-day and organized as follows: Chairman of delegation, W. S. McCormick; member of national committee, O. J. Salisbury; member of J. Cannon; member of committee on cretee on permanent organization, Senator Arthur E. Brown; vice president, member of the committee on rules and order of usiness, Thomas Kearns, The Utah delegation is, of course, for silver and some of them can be depended on to act with relier and Dubois in the interest of the mitteemen and the list of honorary vice white metal. Seator Cannon, who has been selected as a member of the resolutions committee, is one of the five Senators who voted against taking up the Dingley tariff bill and declared that hereafter protection

must be linked with silver. The South Dakota delegation has not yet will probably be made chairman of the lelegation. It is probable that the delegation will favor a middle ground declaration

The Missouri delegation, with headquarters in two hotels, was yesterday jubilant over the alleged success of each of its own heads to-night. The delegates have agreed to meet at the rooms of the faction controlled by national committeeman here. At present it is understood that ex-Govenor Joseph W. Fifer will be the chairthe Filley adherents will attempt to outman. Dr. T. N. Jameson member of the point their adversaries. At the Filley headnational committee and Robert W. Patterquarters to-night there was a jubilation. "Mr. Filley had Mr. Hanna out driving to-day," said one of Mr. Filley's lieutenson, of the Chicago Tribune, member of the committee on platform and resolutions. Beyond this the delegates now here have ants, "and later Mr. Hanna invited Mr. Filley to call and they had a conference at the McKinley headquarters." By this time the Filley people intimate that their cham-The headquarters of the Hawkeye State pion has won the day, and that the Filley delegates will have the best end in the conhave been opened at the Southern. It is

"Who will be your chairman, and who your national committeeman?" was asked Col. D. B. Henderson will be the chairman was the answer. W. French, of Davenport. Congressman W. P. Hepburn is slated for the committee At the Kerens headquarters there was an equally sure feeling that William Warner would be chairman of the State delegation,

committeeman, would succeed himself. The neeting promises to be an exceedingly interesting one. The Washington delegation has arrived, but has not organized. The delegation is instructed for "the maintenance of present gold standard against the free coin-John W. Yerkes, now filling out the term age of silver, except by international agree-ment." It is understood that Andrew F. Burleigh, recover of the Northern Pacific of Governor Bradiey, who resigned from the committee, will be opposed by Conwar be the member of the com-

and R. C. Kerens, the present national

The Arizona people are in a quandary recognition to either, neither delegation feels empowered to proceed to the selection of men to fill these places. A joint meeting will be held for the purpose, if possible, of arranging a compromise. Both delegations have been here for several

The California delegation is expected to arrive to-morrow morning at 7:30. The delegation will have its headquarters at the Southern Hotel. So far as can be ascertained, the delegation has not yet designated its committeeman. Before leaving California it elected Mr. J. D. Spreckels as member of the national committee to succeed Mr. De Young, but there will be an effort to reopen this matter on account of the decision of the contests from that State, which, being against Mr. Spreckels, it is claimed gives Mr. De Young a major-

ity of the delegation. Members of the North Dakota delegation are in town, but have no general headquarters yet. They will come together and

organize to-morrow. Rhode Island's delegation reached town to-day bearing banners gorgeously decorated and inscribed with mottoes declaring for a single gold standard. A banner on which was painted the likeness of Thomas B Reed was also carried. "Rhode Island is for Reed and gold," is the way C. H. Howland, editor of the Providence News, who came with the delegation, expressed it. "Our eight delegates will vote for Thomas B. Reed until a nomination shall have been announced," he continued. "We have no second choice. We want no sound-money talk in the plank, but want gold-straight as-a-line, square-as-a-die gold. We want gold standard written in the platform. It is probable that E. L. Freeman will be selected for chairman of the delegation, C. R. Brayton for national committeeman, W A. Reed for committee on resolutions and platform, and S. W. K. Allen on creden-

About half the Kansas delegation is here and the others will arrive to-morrow. Kanthe first Republican State to declare for volt against the re-election of Lyman to I the Ohioan. Cyrus Leland, jr., will be re- | where Cornelius N. Bliss and S. V. R. | Ex-Gobernor Lippett and ex-Governor D.

the national committee by the three Mc-Kinley delegates. Lyman is a strong Reed elected national committeeman, the State convention having instructed for him, and several of the delegates who have arrived man, and the McKinley contingent opposes him for this reason, among others, profes-sing to doubt his loyalty to McKinley in the campaign, in the event of the Ohio say that he will be chairman of the delega-tion. Mr. Leland says that his delegation will favor the Indiana currency platform There is only one bimetallist on the delegaman's nomination. Insinuations have come from the McKinley quarters that if Lyman be insisted upon the McKinley men will override the unit rule in the vote for Prestion, and he will not oppose a sound-mone declaration, but the Kansas delegation do not favor a declartaion of the gold standard in terms, for fear of the effect upon Redential candidates; cast two and possibly three ballots for McKinley, and to this depublicans who favor a larger use of silver. The delegation will organize in the morngree subtract from Reed's New England total. This prospect disturbs the Massa-chusetts leaders and inspires them to make terms with their small McKinley faction.

The Tennessee Republicans came in force to-day and to-night, and more than two What these terms shall be to-morrow's the delegates are here, and to-morrow that of the Twelfth district, which split meeting of the State delegation may prove. The Minnesota delegation arrived to-day. morning the delegation will be organized. Mr. Platt was intensely interested, and Captain William Rule, editor of the Knox- did not want the leader of the faction It has not yet organized, but it is expected that Charles A. Pillsbury will be chairman, ville Journal, and E. J. Sanford, delegates ex-Governor Merriam for member of the from the State at large, came ahead of the delegation, and are at the Lindell. The committee on resolutions, and probably Hon. Samuel W. Hawkins, late candidate Robert G. Evans will be re-elected national for Governor, will be here to-morrow. There are four candidates for member of ommitteeman. The Minnesota delegation is for McKinley and a gold declaration in the platform. Mr. Pillsbury has framed a resolution on resiprocity which he hopes to have made a part of the platform. Mr. the national committee, to succeed George W. Hill. They are H. S. Chamberlain, of Chattanooga, John W. Conner, of Knox-ville, E. R. Strong, of Knoxville, and Con-Pillsbury was one of the witnesses before gressman W. P. Brownlow, of Jonesboro. The delegates have had no conference, and the ways and means committee when the subject of reciprocity was given hearings nothing definite has been decided upon.

The Montana delegation is here, with the exception of Representative Hartman. No organization has yet taken place, but it is probable either Senator Carter or Senator gates will go elsewhere. Mantle will be a member of the resolutions

committee, and the other will be the mem-The two Indian Territory delegates arber of the national committee. rived to-night. • • • Joseph Manley was severely criticised at The Texan delegation is in rather a chaotic condition, owing to the contests from that State, and until it is known who

will be seated it will be impossible to fore-cast the action of the delegation on any point. The announced headquarters of the Texas delegation are at the Laclede, but so to intimate that it would be for the good of the cause of Republicanism in Maine to far they are not opened, and the delegates was brought about by the action of Mr. Manley in announcing upon his arrival in The Nebraska delegation met to-day and agreed upon the following: For national defeated for the nomination. The meeting was behind closed doors and it was decided committeman, John M. Thurston; for memby the members of the delegation that ber committee on credentials, Gen. John C. nothing should be said as to the effort to Cowen; for chairman of delegation, J. M. Webster; for secretary, Mr. Doby; for vice president of the convention, T. P. Kennard. delegation, admitted that some of the del-For committee on resolutions Peter Janegates had indulged in some acrimonious criticism of Mr. Manley for the course he pursued in regard to giving up Mr. Reed's sen, who favors declaration for gold standard, was selected; for member to notify the nominees, J. H. Bressler; for committee on organization, John Thummel.

The North Carolina delegates arrived tonight, but will not meet for organization until to-morrow. Senator Pritchard will probably be chairman of the delegation or Senator Pritchard said that the Republic-"Of course," he added, "we all felt somebimetallism. In the Senate Mr. Pritchwhat vexed when we read Mr. Manley's ard always votes for silver. C. J. Harris statement, but the majority of the delega-tion still has confidence in his ability to says he is for "sound money," and he thinks the delegation will favor a moderate represent Maine in the national commit-

> The delegation selected its chairman and committeeman and for the Manley; resolutions and platform, Amos T. Allen; credentials, Forest Goodwin; permanent organization, W. M. Nash; vice president of convention, E. C. Bureligh; rules and order of business, John T. Davidson.

> The Wisconsin delegation arrived at o'clock to-day and proceeded immediately to their headquarters at the Lindell Hotel where they spent a quiet day. During the afternoon they called in a body upon Mr. Hanna and had a private interview of half an hour's duration. The delegation will meet to-morrow to designate members of the various committees. There is no doubt member of the national committee. The arrival of this delegation had the effect of augmenting the Evans boom for Vice President. He is a native of that State and has many friends there.

It was the intention of the New York State delegation to have met at 7 o'clock to-night to elect their representatives on committees, but they postponed the matter until to-morrow. It is understood to-night that Frederick S. Gibbs, of New York city, will be the national committeeman to suc William A. Sutherland. He has pledged sixty-two of the seventy votes of the delegation. Mr. Sutherland will represent the delegation on the credentials con will, in all probability, frame an out-and out gold plank about in the language ind cated in an interview with Mr. Lauterbach in these dispatches two days ago.

But few of the Arkansas delegates had arrived up to a late hour and the few here were of the opinion that their meeting for organization would not take place before to-morrow night, although it had been called for 10 o'clock a. m. The only in-formation obtainable was that James Clay-ton would probably be the selection of the delegation for national committeeman.

New Jersey's delegation will meet at noon None of the possible candidates could be learned to-night. The State will resent the name of Garrett A. Hobart, of their State, for Vice President, and hope to secure the vote of several Southern and Western States. John F. Fort, who is to ominate Hobart, said to-night; nominate Hobart, said to-night: "If we are given the nomination it will take New Jersey out of the doubtful States and place it in the Republican column.

The New Hampshire delegates met today and elected the following officers: V. Gaffney, of Rochester, committee P. C. Cheney, of Manchester, member of national committee (re-election); Col. S. S. Jewett, of Laconia. chairman of State delevote on the presidential candidate. Seven expressed their preference for Reed. The cording to Governor Cheney. There was a warm discussion of the financial plank, resulting in a decision to throw the influence of the State for an ironclad "gold" declaration. Said Governor Cheney on this point:
"General Streeter is a gold man of the strongest hue. He will be strenuous tor. he use of the word 'gold' in the platform. No uncertain utterances will satisfy himare several platforms proposed which commit the party to 'the present standard.' That is too indefinite. If it can be amended to 'to the present gold stan-dard' that will be acceptable to us, but we will be satisfied with nothing less."

The Maryland delegates came to town at 11 to-night in a special Baltimore & Ohio train, accompanied by the Columbian Club and Young Men's Republican Club, both of seats to both delegations without giving fu'l | Baltimore. They were welcomed at the depot by the Masachusetts delegation and escorted to the Southern Hotel, with a band at the front blaring "Maryland, My Maryland." A huge banner carried by the Massachusetts men was emblazoned with the words: "Solid as Gold for Reed Solid as Reed for Gold!" The delegation will meet to-morrow to organize. There is contest between Senator-elect Wellington and James A. Gary for membership on the national committee. The delegation is for a gold-standard declaration.

The organization of the Michigan del egation has not been completed. General Alger has been chosen chairman of the delegation and Mark S. Brewer was elected national committeeman.

AN EMPTY THREAT.

Platt and Other New Yorkers Say They Will Not Bolt the Convention. ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 14 .- "It does not

feel so badly to be beaten as I thought it would," remarked delegate-at-large Edward Lauterbach this afternoon as he stood in Thomas C. Platt's room and discussed with national committeeman William A. Sutherland, ex-Senator J. Sloat Fassett. Senator Frank A. Hendricks and Senator Timothy E. Ellsworth, the decision of the national committee on the contested seat cases in New York State. The informal meeting had taken up the consideration of the matter to decide whether a further contest should be made before the committee on credentials in the convention. It was decided that the action of the national committee on the New York contests was disastrous to Mr. Platt's friends. The districts in which he was intensely interested were those in the city of New York. He never to help from Mr. Hanna. felt alarmed about the contests in Brooklyn and it appeared that the men who intended seated unanimously. The greatest fight nade was that in the Twelfth district,

Cruger (anti-Platt) were contesting with Platt delegates, Howard Corrall and Thur-low Weed Bowes. This was the strongest case the Platt men presented, and yet his delegates secured but half a vote each, shared with the anti-Platt men. In the other district the anti-Platt men were seated with full delegate powers. William Brookfield and Anson G. McCook, in the Thirteenth, and C. H. T. Collis and Robert J. Wright in the Fifteenth. There was no question about the claims of Brookfield and McCook, as Mr. Sutherland, who had been fighting in Mr. Platt's interest throughout the entire meeting of the committee, claimed the right to make the motion to

In the committee it was known that opposed by him to secure the advantage which the rejection of his delegates would give. The talk of a bolt from the convention unless the Platt men were seated, and the almost implied threats of Mr. Sutherland in committee that a bolt would follow the seating of Bliss and Cruger worked the committee up to the highest pitch of excitement. Not in any other contest was there such bitter feelings raised in the committee, and although all language which might in the least be distasteful to any member of the committee was after-The Georgia delegation is expected to arrive early to-morrow morning. The colored delegates will occupy the quarters secured at the St. Louis Hotel, but the white delegates will go elsewhere. entitled to it induced members of the committee, who believed the Platt men to have the best prima facie case, to vote to seat both delegations with half a vote each. The Fifteenth district was also badly mixed, and there were members of the committee Some of the delegates even went so far as but the Platt men did not have the confidence of a majority of the committee. When Mr. Lauterbach made his sage remark about the lack of bitterness in deselect a new national committeeman. This | feat Mr. Platt smiled and said: "It's a good way to look at it Lauterbach, and all our defeats should be accepted in the same spirit," while Mr. Fassett, who, a year ago, St. Louis that Mr. McKinley could not be was outside of the breastworks, smiled ac-defeated for the nomination. The meeting ceptance of the theory. It took but a few moments to decide the question of further appeal in the contests. It was the almost unanimous theory that

displace Mr. Manley as national commit-teeman. C. E. Littlefield, chairman of the and that it simply meant delay for the convention. Chairman of the New York State committee. Charles W. Hackett, who had come to the conference, sided in this decision by stating that he had been given to understand by persons in authority that a plan had already been prepared by the Mc-Kinley managers that would preclude any In answer to the question as to the liability of deposing Mr. Manley, Mr. Little-field replied: "I am free to say that Mr. Manley was harshly criticised for the course he adopted. However, we decided should be considered final. Mr. Lauterbach a plan had already been prepared by the Mc-Kinley managers that would preclude any appeal by providing that a decision in any contest made by the national committee should be considered final. Mr. Lauterbach and the had under stood the same thing. that it would be best not to say anything said he had under stood the same thing. outside the delegation upon this subject. Nothing would be gained by making another fight to reopen the contest. Mr. Sutherland, who had made a brilliant stand for Mr. Platt in the national committee, also lisparaged an appeal and so the New York contests are finally disposed of.

Mr. Platt, when asked for his personal pinion in the matter of the Twelfth district, said: "Messrs. Bliss and Cruger did not have a leg to stand on, and the na-tional committee knows it. It is surprising that a man of Mr. Bliss's fine sense honor would accept a place in the convention under such circumstances. However, we got more than we were told to expect, Mr. Platt stated explicitly to-night that the New York delegation had no intention of bolting the convention. "We shall." he said, 'leave the hall only when the conven-

tion has adjourned." CONVENTION HALL READY. Monroe Doctrine Used as the Central

Idea of Decoration.

Associated Press Dispatch. ST. LOUIS, June 14.-The hall in which the convention will be held is ready for use to-night if it were needed. The decorations are complete and all that remains to be done is the locating of the various State delegations, which will be attended to to-The convention hall, erected especially

for this occasion, is a plain, rectangular

building 182x262 feet, with an auditorium 100

x200 feet for the use of the delegates and

alternates, and surrounding this tiers of seats and a gallery all around the building. The entire north side of the hall will be occupied by the chairman, vice presidents members of the national committee in the center and the reporters on each side. The delegates are directly in front of the chairman's stand, in three blocks of chairs, facing the chairman. For the alternates, spaces on each side of the delegates are filled with chairs facing towards the delegates, and thus commanding the best possible view, not only of the speakers' stand, but also of the main body of the convention. The central idea adopted in the decoration of the hall is the Monroe doctrine. This is represented by a star fifty feet from tip to tip, covered with bunting, and immediately under it the national ensign and a President's flag, and here the decorator has recognized Cuba by hanging a Cuban flag to the bottom of the President's flag. The idea of the Monroe doctrine is carried out in the flags of Mexico, Venezuela, Gautemala, United States of Colombia and the Argentine Republic, hanging from the five points of the United States star. from each point of the star to the galleries stretches a string of flags of all the nations that fly national colors. Suspended from the gallery are coats of arms of all the States, interspersed with United States flags. Above the galleries are arranged shields bearing the names of the States, and bunting covers all the heavy timbers. The original thirteen States, with Aussouri and the District of Columbia, are given the places of prominence in the decorations. Immediately over the speaker's chair will be the portrait of Lincoln, supported by those of Grant and Sherman. The portrait of Logan will be over the main entrance, and that of Farragut delegates took a test | will be over the Twelfth-street entrance on navy. Over the Thirteenth-street entrance the portrait of Sheridan will face Farra record for McKinley. Their votes will be gut's. Strings of mammoth Japanese lancast in the same way in the convention, ace | terns are draped from the ceiling above the lettered to read: "Republican Convention." forty-foot United States flag will be sus Two large white screens on the with streamers bearing these inscriptions: Republicanism is Prosperity." Polls, Ye Sons of Freedom." On the gilded eagles surmount main entrance, and the Twelfth-street entrance for alternates. On the inside wall, just over the main entrance, is a small painting of General Grant's old home on the Dent farm, near St. Louis. The building is a substantial structure of heavy pine lumber, walled with lath and stucco. Every precaution has been taken to provide against accident in case of sudden exit from the building. The main floor has twenty-four exits and the galleries sixteen exits to the outside, where broad stairways lead from the balconies to the ground. The hall will be used for the Populist national convention in July.

THE VICE PRESIDENCY.

Governor Morton Urged by Platt and Others to Accept the Nomination. Associated Press Dispatch. ST. LOUIS, June 14.-The vice-presiden-

tial booms stood still this afternoon and awaited the development of a heated wire correspondence between Platt and other Republican leaders and Gov. Levi P. Morton. The import of the messages was to gain the latter's consent to place his name in nomination for the vice presidency. Mr. Chauncey M. Depew was not a party to the urgency call. Instead, Mr. Depew said: 'Why, Governor Morton's idea of leaving me present his name for the presidentia nomination, even though I foresaw defeat. was to have me demonstrate, aye, and say to the convention that he was not and would not be a candidate for Vice Presi-

That Mr. Platt has forsaken all hope the presidential boom of Mr. Morton perfectly apparent. When asked this afternoon if he had any hopes he said tersely: "Mr. Morton's name will be presented to

There was a rumor current that the New York delegation would present the name of Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy for Vice Presi dent and that the anti-organization peop would present the name of Cornelius B and ask for Mr. Platt's support. To both of these rumors Mr. Platt said to-night 'All buncomb. If Governor Morton wil not accept the second place on the ticket then New York State has no candidate." It was intimated that some of the Ohlo people were not at all averse to Mr. Mor-Cornelius N. Bliss said to-night: "I am not and have at no time been a candidate am aware that kind friends have mentioned my name in that connection during the last few days. There has been more less newspaper talk of me, but I really

Russell Brown, of Rhode Island, and General McAlpin, of New York, are mentioned Ex-Governor D. Russell Brown, of Rhode Island, whose pictures adorn the corridors as a candidate for Vice President, has arrived. Ex-Governor Lippett, of Rhode Island, is also a candidate for second place on the ticket. With the candidacy of Governor Hawley and Governor Bulkeley, of Connecticut, being quite actively pushed, it is frequently observed that the smaller Eastern States are looming up in presiden-

M'KINLEY HEADQUARTERS.

tial conventions.

Views of Leaders on Various Questions-Fairbanks's Keynote.

Associated Press Dispatch. ST. LOUIS, June 14.-While the headquarters of some States have not been crowded as is usually the case two days before the convention assembles, this has been a big day at the rooms of the Ohio delegation, known as McKinley headquarters. Some of the Ohio district delegations and Mr. Hanna are on duty there all the time, while Delegates at Large Foraker, Bushnell and Grosvenor and some district delegates are out visiting other State delegations and leaders. When Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, the temporary chairman arrived this morning from Indianapolis Mr. Hanna and others had a long conference with him over the key-note speech and later this key-note speech was submitted to a conference of the McKinley leaders. It is understood that the keynote speech will be in the line of the Indiana platform, which specially declares opposition to the free and independent coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

At McKinley headquarters there is still the fullest confidence in the favorite having 633 votes on the first ballot out of a total of 918, but there is not any fixed slate for the nomination for vice president of any ultimatum on the currency plank. There is no trouble about the platform except on the divergent views of the East for gold and the West for silver, while Michigan, Indiana and even Ohio, with other Middle States, want the Eastern idea expressed in the currency plank without the word "gold" in the phraseology of the declaration for a single standard. As Senator-elect Foraker will be pressed for the chairmanship of the committee on resolutions, it is expected that he will make the fight for a declaration for "the mainten-ance of the present standard," which means a single or gold standard without the use of the word "gold" before the word "standard." By the use of the word old" it is claimed that the campaign cry "gold bugs" would be used in a prejud cial manner during the canvass. Not only delegates but also Republican candidates for Congress and others from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and other Middle States called on Foraker and Hanna to-day to say that as positive a declaration as possible was wented, without the use of the word "gold," which was offensive to many wanting to support Republican State and district tickets as well as the national ticket. Messrs. Foraker, Hanna and other leaders insist that if it is the will of the committion to insert the words "gold standard" that McKinley's friends would not oppose tee on resolutions and later of the convenit. This is the import of the reply ma their inquiries on this all-absorbing topic around McKinley headquarters.

Last week was a "gold" week here, but
there is a vigorous effort to-day to have the present week's agitation result in the gold idea under the names of "honest money" or a "sound currency." While technical phraseology of the currency plank, the Western delegates are expected to go with the Middle States in the committee on resolutions. At the McKinley headquarters they expect a minority report for this reason the more solicitous to get as many as possible to sign the majority report and to have a financial plank on which there can be general concurrence,

this work for McKinley. Judge Thompson of Portsmouth, O., has been at Washington for months looking after the McKinley contests. When he sits as a juror on the committee on credentials he and Mr. Hahn will change places, the latter continuin his work in this line till the report on The vice presidency is announced at Mo-Kinley headquarters to be in doubt, owing to the complications in New York. It seems impossible to select anyone from that State as yet. Next comes New England in geographical as well as other considera-tions. No word can be had from Speaker Reed or his friends that he would accept and the McKinley men say they canno nominate anyone with any doubt existing as to his acceptance. Governor Bulkeley and Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, are both mentioned, and there is no doubt about the McKinley men regarding Senator Hawley with great favor if his State will come out for him. Governor Brown, of come out for him. Governor Brown, of Rhode Island, and others are prominently mentioned. Hobart, of New Jersey, is beone should be taken from the South for second place it will no doubt be H. Clay around McKinley headquarters is for running mate from the East and for man of national reputation. Reed, if will accept, if not, the next best man from

except from the silver extremists. The McKinley men anticipate no trouble in

agreeing on the other resolutions, which

Cleveland administration on several counts. The McKinley managers had calls to-day

from unsuccessful contestants who though

the national committee had not decided

the Ohio member of the national commit

tee, and Judge A. C. Thompson, the pros-

pective Ohio member of the committee on

Hahn and Thompson have had charge o

correctly. To the Hon. William M: Hahn.

CONTESTS FOR SEATS. How the National Committee Decided the Numerous Cases.

Associated Press Dispatch. ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 14.-An analysis of the work of the national committee in regard to the 168 contests which were originally filed with it, shows that 136 cases were acted on; some of the original number having been abandoned, while several, notably those of Delaware and a portion of the Texas delegation, were referred to the convention. In many cases both contestants and contestees were understood to be Mc-Kinley men, notably in all of the Mississippi and South Carolina districts, and in certain districts from Tennessee, Virginia and elsewhere. Of the 136 claimants rejected by the committee, sixty-two were avowed McKinley men. The impression which prevalled during the consideration of these cases, that the committee was deciding a large majority of the cases in favor of Mc-Kinley, doubtless grew out of the fact that in nearly all of the States where there were a large number of contests, both the contestants and the contestees were avowed McKinley men, and as a natural result more McKinley men were necessarily given seats than were anti-McKinley men, since in so many of the cases, contestants and contestees were, according to their own

statements, McKinley men. In New York three districts were contested, covering six delegates. Two of the contests were decided in favor of the Me-Kinley delegates and in the other district both delegations were admitted, giving each delegate a half vote. In Pennsylvania there was a contest in the Third district. The contesting delegations were both admitted, each delegate having a half vote. In Delaware the contest was referred to the convention. In Virginia there were contests in the Second, Third and Sixth districts. In the Third and Eighth the contests were withdrawn and in the Second district both delegations were admitted, each delegate being given a half vote. In North Carolina there was a contest in the Sixth district Both delegations were admitted, each dele gate with a half vote. In South Carolina there was a contest in each of the districts and as to the delegates-at-large, covering eighteen votes. Both the contestants and contestees were McKinley men, the contests turning on differences between local factions. All of the contests were decided in favor of the Webster faction. In Georgia there were contests in three o the districts and as two of the delegates at large, all of which were decided in favor at large, all of which were decided in favor of the McKinley delegates. In Florida there were contests in the Second district, and as to the delegates at large. The McKinley delegates were accepted in the Second district, also the delegates at large, the McKinley delegates in the First district being rejected. In Alabama there were contests in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth districts and the delegates at large.

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tricts were decided against the McKinley nen, the others seated were McKinley n In California there were contests in the were decided in favor of the McKink men. In Mississippi there were contests in the Seventh district, and as to the delegates at large. All were McKinley ight being between local factions. The Hill ond. Third and Sixth districts. In Louisiana there were contests in the First, Sec-ond, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth dis-tricts, the McKinely delegates being suc-cessful except in the Fourth district, where the decision was against the McKinley dele-

listrict and delegates at large. None of the delegates were placed on the temporary roll. In ten of the districts the contests were decided in favor of the McKinley delegates while the remaining—the Sev-enth, Tenth and Twelfth—the decision was against the McKinley delegates. In Kenucky there was but one contest -Fifth district which was decided in favor of the McKinley delegate. In Tennesses here were contests in the Sixth and Ninth districts, contestants and contestees be other, the Sixth, the anti-Mckinley conestants were seated. In Arizona there was a contest as to the six delegates at large, all being admitted with a half vote each. The contest in Alaska was decided in the The contest in Alaska was decide same manner. In South Carolina, Louisiana and Texas there were organizations omonly known as the "Lily Whites," cla ing seats in the convention, but in all chese cases, the committee decided the the organizations were irregular and co

Hon, William H. Hahn, the Ohio m of the national committee, speaking of the ley would be nominated either by accl ion or on the first ballot. It thought, however, that he would have such a large number of uncontested delegates. The roll as made up in the national committee will largely increase his vote in the convention. These contested cases were settled without reference to who the delegates favored for President, and the committee, as the records will show, seated the elegates that were elected in regular conentions which were called by the regular party organization in the respective congressional districts. I think every member In my opinion, if a vote were taken at the votes. It may exceed the higher figure; I will not fall below the lower. From conversation with delegates from all over the country I learn that they regard McKin-ley's nomination as sure and they predict that he will receive the electoral vote in many States heretofore regarded as safely Democratic. I believe that the committee on credentials, made up from every State represented, will seat the delegates practically as made up by the national committee. There may be three or four exceptions. tions. I want to emphasize the fact the members of the national committee the contests, and even if the committee had been so inclined, there would have been no temptation to vote for McKinley men, not legally elected. In three or four instances the committee gave delegates half a vote

REED MEN ACTIVE. Doing Their Utmost to Further the Interests of the "Czar."

Associated Press Dispatch. ST. LOUIS Mo., June 14.-The Reed boom was given the first impetus that it has had during the ante-convention days. The arrival of the Maine and Massachusetts delegations with glittering badges and waving banners, gave the first real appearance of Reed's candidacy that has been seen. Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, who is to place Reed in nomination, has become the recognized leader of the Reed (Continued on Second Page.)

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